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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-2, 4, 7-11, 13, 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5,6,12 and 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The objection to the abstract of the disclosure has been overcome by Applicant's amendment.

The objection to the substitute specification has been overcome by Applicant's amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The rejection of claims 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, has been overcome by Applicant's amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Terracini (3223447).

Note the device (12), fixing bar (11), tolerance compensation member (20b and/or 21b), contact points (any points around the inner circumference of the tolerance

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compensation member) between the fixing bar and the tolerance compensation member during displacement of the fixing bar relative to the device in the first direction, wherein the tolerance compensation member is configured such that movement of the tolerance compensation member in the second direction is counter to only a frictional force of the device acting on the tolerance compensation member, wherein the tolerance compensation member comprises a material with a low coefficient of friction where the compensation member contacts the fixing bar, wherein the device is a guide device, and further comprising another fixing bar (other 11).

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-11, 13 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gould (398893).

Note the device (G, D, H, F, E), fixing bar (H), tolerance compensation member (F), contact points (any points around the inner circumference of portions q of the tolerance compensation member) between the fixing bar and the tolerance compensation member during displacement of the fixing bar relative to the device in the first direction, wherein the tolerance compensation member is configured such that movement of the tolerance compensation member in the second direction is counter to only a frictional force of the device acting on the tolerance compensation member, wherein the tolerance compensation member comprises a material with a low coefficient of friction where the compensation member contacts the fixing bar, wherein the device is a guide device, and further comprising another fixing bar (C), basic body (G), wherein the tolerance compensation member is arranged displaceably in the recess in at least

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the second direction, wherein the recess has a greater width (represented by rim r) than a width of the tolerance compensation member in the second direction such that the tolerance compensation member can be displaced in the basic body of the device, central recess (center of F), plurality of inwardly projecting projections (circumferential portions of q as they project from the center circumferential point of q).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 6, 12 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Amendment/Arguments

Applicant's response filed July 24, 2009 has been fully considered. Remaining issues are described in the above sections. Applicant has cancelled claim 3. Arguments regarding the previously applied prior art are now moot in view of new grounds of rejection, as necessitated by Applicants' amendment.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within

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TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Milton Nelson, Jr. whose telephone number is (571) 272-6861. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs, and alternate Fridays, 5:30-3:00 EST.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Milton Nelson, Jr./
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3636

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